In order to provide better service to our principal investigators, research staff, and administrative managers, the Office of Animal Care and Use (OACU) has compiled this informational memo. Please feel free to call the OACU staff if you have any questions about any items in this memo.

**OACU location in Bioinformatics**
OACU is located on Mason Farm Road in Suite 1140 of the Bioinformatics Building (first floor, first office suite on the right). Campus box and email addresses, phone number, and web address are still the same.

**IACUC Online Orientation**
Effective March 5, 2007, the IACUC online orientation process has changed. The content of the IACUC portion of the orientation has been updated, there is now a mandatory Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine (DLAM) orientation component, and there are new recertification requirements. All principal investigators and personnel using animals will now be required to take the online orientation every three years. In addition, because the DLAM component is new, all research personnel using mammals and listed on current and new animal care applications (ACAP) will need to be certified in the DLAM online portion. Office of Animal Care and Use (OACU) staff will contact you as necessary through the ACAP comments system as you submit full applications for consideration. We encourage principal investigators and animal users to take the DLAM component and recertify in the IACUC component, if it has been more than three years since you were last certified, rather than waiting until you submit new or continuation ACAPs. ACAP approval will be tied to successful completion of the online orientations.

IACUC Online Orientation No Longer on Blackboard -- IACUC has changed the site that hosts online orientation. Users no longer have to call OACU to enroll, and Blackboard will no longer be in use. Simply go to the existing IACUC lab personnel registration site at [http://cfx3.research.unc.edu/iacuc_reg](http://cfx3.research.unc.edu/iacuc_reg) and log in using an ONYEN or SOM ID. IACUC will update its orientation website links to direct users to the registration site.
All Laboratory Coordinators and PI's are asked to help direct new personnel (or any persons needing to take online orientation) to the new site. Note also that users can view and/or update their own research profile. The update function will allow the user to change his or her PI's name and/or lab location. Keeping research profiles up-to-date will make it simpler for PI's working on applications in ACAP.

**New DLAM Online Orientation** – Please note that certification in the brand new DLAM orientation will be required for personnel using mammals on all ACAPs submitted for March 16, 2007 IACUC review and thereafter.

**Revised IACUC Online Orientation** – the IACUC orientation has been revised and will be updated periodically with new policies and regulations. Research personnel will now be required to take the IACUC/DLAM orientation every three years. Individuals who have never before taken the orientation or have previously been exempted will now be required to be certified.

If you have questions about the content of the IACUC component of the orientation, please contact the Office of Animal Care and Use at 966-5569. If you have questions about the DLAM component, please contact Tonya Hargett at 966-9639.

**Animal Core Facilities**
Recently investigators, core facility managers, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine (DLAM) personnel have raised a number of questions and issues regarding the use of core facilities. A few of the issues raised are the following: who is responsible for the animals at what period in time; who owns the animal(s); should animals be transferred to the core facility or stay with the original investigator; which is the proper cage card to identify the animals (PI or core); and how do we create an audit trail to determine all procedures performed on an animal.

There are a number of different Core Facilities at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and each currently has its own way of managing these issues. In order to have consistency and better accounting of UNC-Chapel Hill animals, the IACUC has developed guidelines for operation of Core Facilities. Please follow the links below to view the IACUC Core Facility Policy and an Animal Core Facility power point presentation.

IACUC Animal Core Facility Policy
IACUC Animal Core Facility Power Point

**Office of Animal Care and Use Training Update**
The OACU Training and Compliance team have some exciting additions to the training program. Please follow the link below to view the updates.

Training Updates
**Compliance Issues**

**Inspection Findings:** During the IACUC’s most recent inspection of animal housing facilities, inspectors noted tape used to secure cards and label cages. This practice can serve as a means to spread parasites such as pinworms from room to room. When the tape is removed it leaves a sticky residue to which eggs can attach. Do not adhere tape and stickers to the metal cage cards or to the cages. If you must use items with a sticky backing, please make sure that they are attached only to the cage cards.

**Gas Anesthetic Vaporizers:** Vaporizers used to administer gas anesthetic must be calibrated yearly. If your vaporizer is due a calibration please contact Anissa Anderson, supervisor of the DLAM surgical suite. You can reach her by email anissa_anderson@med.unc.edu or phone 966-2906.